

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

In the first paragraph, "Cross Reference to Related Applications" delete the current paragraph and insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/330,901, filed December 26, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/730,641, filed October 11, 1996, ~~entitled "Dual Stage Instrument for Scanning a Specimen"~~ which, in turn which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/598,848, filed February 9, 1996. This application also claims the benefit of application Serial No. 08/362,818, filed December 22, 1994.